

## **House Select Committee on Homeowners Associations Public Hearing**

February 2, 2010

2:00 pm

The House Select Committee on Homeowners Associations met on Tuesday February 2, 2010 at 2:00 pm in the Legislative Office Building in room 643 to hold a public hearing on issues concerning Homeowners Associations. The following members were present: Cochairman McGee (presiding), Cochairman Weiss, Representatives Howard, Earle, Cleveland, Heagarty and Wray. For visitors in attendance see the attached Visitor Attendance Sheet.

Cochairman McGee opened the hearing at 2:00 pm and had the members of the committee introduce themselves to the audience. He then recognized the staff and sergeant at arms and explained how the hearing would be conducted.

Before recognizing the public participants in attendance, Cochairman McGee moved to enter thirty-two letters from concerned citizens regarding Homeowners Association issues from across the State into the minutes without objection (see attachment 1).

Forty citizens representing Homeowners Associations members, Homeowners Association Management companies, Realtors, Legal Counsel for Homeowners Associations and Government Officials with experiences to share about Homeowners Associations were all allowed to speak. Each turned in their comments to be recorded in the minutes (see attachment 2).

After the scheduled participants finished, Cochairman McGee asked if anyone that was not scheduled to speak would like to add any comments.

Ms. Winifred Haywood from Winston-Salem was recognized. She added that Homeowners Associations need more checks and balances. In foreclosures, no repayment plans are offered and residents should be allowed to pay what they can afford. Ms. Haywood added that attorney's fees are often higher than the amount owed to the Homeowners Associations.

Mr. Roy Roebuck from Winston-Salem was recognized and he added that when he bought into a Homeowners Association he did not understand HOAs and that one should investigate first before calling an attorney to handle problems.

Cochairman Weiss told the members of the committee that the letters and comments from the day's hearing would be distributed to them after the hearing.

Cochairman McGee expressed his appreciation to all of those who came to participate in the hearing and said that the attendees had provided good information for the Committee and Staff and that their time was not wasted as he hoped to have good legislation pass out of the committee for the upcoming session.

Cochairman McGee again thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the hearing at 3:55 pm.

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William C. McGee,  
Cochairman

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